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commissioned by and composed for Pamela French

# The Empty Sky

for oboe solo

Frank Felice

Plaintive, hollow - with elasticity  $\text{♩} = 52 - 60$

*hushed*

*pp* *p* *ppp*

7 *p* *mp*

12 *pp* *sub. mf* *p* *sub. mf*

17 *poco string.* *a tempo* *molto stringendo*

20 *Pushing forward, impatient ca. ♩ = 60 - 68* *f*

23 *N.B.* *ff*

27 *Tempo I ca. ♩ = 52 - 60* *mf* *mp* *p* *pp*

31 *p* *ppp* *pp*

36

Suddenly - quickly, piqued ca.  $\text{♩} = 140-160$

40

*fff* *sfzp* *f*

43

*subito f* *sfzp* *sfz*

46

*mp*

48

*f*

50

*ff* *sfz* *sfzmf*

53

*fff* *sfz*

56

*poco rit. ....* *string. ....*

*sfz*

59

*a tempo* *lunga* *Calmly - ca.  $\text{♩} = 52 - 60$*

*sfz* *ppp* *pp* *p*

The musical score is written for a single melodic line on a treble clef staff. It begins at measure 36 with a half note, followed by a series of eighth and sixteenth notes with accents. The tempo is marked 'ca. 140-160'. The score includes various dynamic markings: *fff*, *sfzp*, *f*, *subito f*, *sfzp*, *sfz*, *mp*, *f*, *ff*, *sfz*, *sfzmf*, *fff*, *sfz*, *poco rit. ....*, *string. ....*, *sfz*, *a tempo*, *lunga*, *Calmly - ca. 52-60*, *sfz*, *ppp*, *pp*, and *p*. The score features several slurs, ties, and fermatas. The key signature has one flat (B-flat). The time signature changes from 4/4 to 3/4 at measure 59.

64 *hushed*  
*ppp* (*pp*) *p*

71 *mp* *p* *mp* *f*

76 *poco string.* *a tempo*  
*p*

82 *poco string.* *a tempo* Slowing.....  
*mf* *mp* *p* *n.*

The musical score is written for a single melodic line on a treble clef staff. It consists of four systems of music. The first system (measures 64-70) begins with a half note G4, followed by a half note F#4, and then a half note E4. The second system (measures 71-75) starts with a half note D4, followed by a half note C4, and then a half note B3. The third system (measures 76-81) begins with a half note A3, followed by a half note G3, and then a half note F3. The fourth system (measures 82-87) starts with a half note E3, followed by a half note D3, and then a half note C3. The score includes various dynamic markings and performance instructions.

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in memory of those who lost their lives in the World Trade Center attacks, September 11, 2001

Ist Gott mein Schutz und treuer Hirt,  
 Kein Unglück mich berühren wird:  
 Weicht, alle meine Feinde,  
 Die ihr mir stiftet Angst und Pein,  
 Es wird zu eurem Schaden sein,  
 Ich habe Gott zum Freunde.

J.S. Bach, BWV 85, no. 6